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#### **High Surf Advisory Remains in Effect; Inexperienced Swimmers Advised to Stay Out of the Water**

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office advised a northwest swell is expected to maintain hazardous surf and high rip current risk along west and north facing reefs of the Marianas.

#### **Inexperienced swimmers should remain out of the water due to dangerous conditions.**

A **high surf advisory** remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan until 4 a.m. Wednesday. Large breaking waves of 9 to 10 feet are expected along west and north facing reefs of the Marianas.

A **high risk of rip currents** remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan through late tonight. Rip currents can sweep even the best swimmers away from the shore into deeper water. If caught in a rip current, do not swim against the current. Swim in a direction following the shoreline, face the shore and call or wave for help.

A **small craft advisory** remains in effect for the coastal waters of Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan until 6 a.m. Friday. Northeast winds of 15 to 25 knots, with gusts to 30 knots, and seas of 8 to 11 feet are expected. Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid navigating in hazardous conditions.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) remind the community to avoid hazardous seas and dangerous rip currents, especially west and north facing reefs and beaches. Heed the advice of lifeguards, beach patrol flags, and signs.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>

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